

SAMPLE NOTICE OF STAKING FORMAT

NOTICE OF STAKING (Not to be used in place of Application for Permit to Drill Form 3160-3)		6. Lease Number
1. Oil Well    ___    Gas Well    ___    Other    ___ (Specify)		7. If Indian, Alottee or Tribe Name
2. Name of Operator		8. Unit Agreement Name
3. Name of Specific Contact Person		9. Farm or Lease Name
4. Address & Phone No. of Operator or Agent		10. Well No.
5. Surface Location of Well		11. Field or Wildcat Name
Attach:    a) Sketch showing road entry onto pad, pad dimensions, and reserve pit. b) Topographical or other acceptable map showing location, access road, and lease boundaries.		12. Sec., T., R. M., or Blk and Survey or Area
15. Formation Objective(s)	16. Estimated Well Depth	13. County, Parish    14. State or Borough
17. Additional Information (as appropriate; shall include surface owner's name,		

18. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Upon receipt of the Notice, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will schedule the date of the onsite predrill inspection and notify you accordingly. The location must be staked and access road flagged prior to the onsite.

Operators must consider the following prior to the onsite:

- a) H2S Potential
- b) Cultural Resources (Archeology)
- c) Federal Right of Way or Special Use Permit

IMPORTANT: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

## Instructions for Preparation of NOS

**General:** This provides notice to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that staking has been (or will be) completed for well locations on Federal or Indian leases and serves as a request to schedule an onsite inspection. The original and one copy of this notice, together with a map and sketch, should be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.

Any item not completed may be justification for not promptly scheduling the onsite inspection.

**Specific Considerations:** Items included herein should be reviewed and evaluated thoroughly prior to the onsite. These items affect placement of location, road, and facilities. Failure to be prepared with complete, accurate information at the onsite may necessitate later re-evaluation of the site and an additional onsite inspection.

- a. H2S Potential: Prevailing winds, escape routes, and placement of living quarters must be considered.
- b. Cultural Resources: Archeological surveys, if required, should be done prior to, during or immediately following the onsite. Changes in location due to subsequent archeological findings may require an additional onsite. Contact involved Surface Management Agency (SMA) for detailed site specific requirements.
- c. Federal Right-of-Way or Special Use Permit: Access roads outside the leasehold boundary which cross Federal lands will require a right-of-way grant or special use permit and should be discussed with the BLM or other involved SMA at the time of filing the Notice of Staking.

**Supplemental Checklist:** The following items, if applicable, should be submitted with or prior to the Application For Permit to Drill (APD) to ensure timely approval of the application. Contact the BLM regarding specific requirements relating to each item.

- a. Bonding.
- b. Designation of Operator.
- c. Report of Cultural Resources/Archeology.
- d. H2S Contingency Plan.
- e. Status of Plan of Development and Designation of Agent for wells in Federal units.
- f. Federal Right-of-Way (BLM) or Special Use Permit (Forest Service).

**Timetable:** The onsite inspection will be scheduled and conducted by the BLM within 15 days after receipt of this notice. Surface protection and rehabilitation requirements will be made known to the operator by the BLM during the onsite or no later than 5 working days from the date of inspection, barring unusual circumstances. These requirements are to be incorporated into the complete APD. However, this does not exclude the possibility of additional conditions of approval being imposed.

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